



NORTH FORK RANCHERIA OF MONO INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Tribal Chairperson Elaine Fink, called to order the special meeting of the North Fork Rancheria at **9:06 a.m. on January 10, 2019** in North Fork, CA.

II. Moment of Silent Prayer

A moment of Silent Prayer was observed.

III. Roll Call

Tribal Secretary, Katrina Guitierrez conducted a roll call. The following Council members were present: Elaine Fink, Edward Polkenhorn, Katrina Guitierrez, and Maryann McGovran. Gary Walker was absent.

Staff present:

Gary Nicholes – CAO

Teri Haggard – CFO

David Falls – TANF Director

Christina McDonald – EPD Director

Tawanish Lavell – ICWA

Lynnell Shaffer – CVIH Representative

Rena Killian – Election Board Registrar

IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Treasurer McGovran motioned to approve the agenda with additions. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 4/0/0

V. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Treasurer McGovran motioned to approve special meeting minutes of December 27, 2018 with changes. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded. Mc 4/0/0

VI. New Business

a) Gary Nicholes – CAO

1. Picture to hang in Admin office

Mr. Nicholes reported that Tribal Citizen, Carol Sanders donated a picture to the Rancheria. Tribal Council gave approval for Mr. Nicholes to hang the picture in the lobby of the administration building.

2. 2019 Gathering date
A date was set for June 15th.
3. 2019 General Council Meeting date
A date was set for September 14th.

b) David Falls – TANF Director

1. Bylaws signature
Chairperson Fink signed the revised by-laws.
2. CDSS Tribal TANF MOU
Mr. Falls reported that there are no changes to the MOU only the dates and it is for a three-year period.
Treasurer McGovran motioned to approve the MOU between department of social services and the Tribal TANF program. Vice- Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded. Mc 4/0/0
3. CDSS Unemployment Rate
By consensus, Tribal Council approved the letter and Chairperson Fink signed it.
4. NFR Automotive Training Program
Secretary Guitierrez motioned to approve. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded. Mc 4/0/0
5. NFR Automotive Training Program Policy
Secretary Guitierrez motioned to approve the following policies: career placement; facility maintenance; student certification; substitute instructor; accommodations and modifications; tool inventory; job placement; training assessment; student training plan; and shop safety checklist. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded. Mc 4/0/0

c) Christina McDonald – EPD Director

1. FY 2020 GAP Grant
Secretary Guitierrez motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-03 A Resolution approving the submittal of an Environmental Program Agency (EPA) General Assistance Program (GAP) Grant for FY 2020 in the amount of \$111,813.00. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded. Mc 4/0/0
2. Yosemite Sequoia Resources Conservation & Development Council. / CALFIRE proposal

Ms. McDonald reported for Tribal Council to consider developing a proposal as a subcontractor for Southern Sierra All-Lands Restoration and Recovery Program in order to do a collaborative vision and adaptive management framework. Ms. McDonald reported that this will be on a reimbursement level. After some discussion, Ms. McDonald will gather more information and bring back to Tribal Council.

Treasurer McGovran motioned to go into executive session #1 @ 10:15 a.m. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded. Mc 4/0/0

John Maier via phone @ 10:20 a.m. Ended @ 11:10 a.m.

Secretary Guitierrez motioned to come out @ 11:14 a.m. Treasurer McGovran seconded. Mc 4/0/0

d) Teri Haggard – CFO

1. NIM NOBE Store

Tribal Council reviewed the Revenues and Expenditures for the month of December. Mrs. Haggard reported that the toilet backed up yesterday due to the lines not being opened. Mrs. Haggard also reported that the EBT card application is down due to the Government Shutdown.

2. Status during Government shutdown

Tribal Council reviewed the balances as of January 8, 2019. Mrs. Haggard reported that NFR is okay right now, but the Transportation funds are pretty low, but payroll can be made out the roads program since transportation is allowable.

e) Secretary Guitierrez

1. CVIH Representative L. Shaffer

Mrs. Shaffer inquired about the expectations of her duties while being the representative of NFR. Tribal Council agreed that reporting of committee meetings and their monthly meetings would be good; communication and to reports any big changes. Reporting will be done at the Regular Tribal Council Meetings.

2. Board of Commissioners

Tribal Council approved the flyer for three positions.

VII. Unfinished Business

a) Secretary Guitierrez

1. Construction Meeting follow up

Chairperson Fink will send a letter to Thomas Steirer of Profit Finders LLC, stating that we cannot do it at this time due to the funding.

2. Newsletter

A discussion was held regarding how to get better information out there since the newsletter is never on time. Mr. Nicholes will get with David Falls to get an idea how TANF does theirs. Tribal Council agreed to have Mr. Nicholes get a monthly newsletter mailing, etc. Mrs. Haggard and Mr. Nicholes will bring back costs to the next meeting. Tribal Council agreed to cancel the November Newsletter.

3. End of the Year Meeting follow-up

A discussion was held about the pros and the cons of the event. Overall, everyone had a good time and enjoyed it. Chairperson Fink will send a directive email to all Directors regarding having a person from their department be on the planning committee.

4. Enrollment Resolution No. 19-01

Secretary Guitierrez motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-01 A Resolution authorizing the enrollment of four new tribal citizens of the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians. Treasurer McGovran seconded. Mc 4/0/0

b) Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn

1. By-laws

Treasurer McGovran motioned to approve the amended by-laws. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded. Mc 4/0/0

2. Five to Ten Year Plan

January 15, 2019 – Meeting date – tentative.

c) **Treasurer McGovran**

1. IHS – Title V Compact

Mr. Nicholes reported that the last contact was with Travis Coleman regarding the letter of Intent that was sent to IHS. Since, the shutdown now, all communication is lost.

2. Volunteer Fire Station MOU

Treasurer McGovran inquired whether NFR should take over and negotiate an extension on the MOU to see what they are going to do. A discussion was held regarding having a meeting to work and discuss what resources, etc. there are to having a possibility of maintaining the Fire Station under NFR.

Treasurer McGovran motioned to negotiate with the County to extend the MOU for three more years. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 3/1/0.

Treasurer McGovran will set a meeting date with all parties involved.

3. Election Update

Ms. Killian gave an update on the upcoming election.

4. Youth Council

Treasurer McGovran requested to set a meeting between Tribal Council, TANF, and the Tribal Heritage Program to talk about a “youth council” and what the thoughts are to develop one.

5. NFR Website revamp

A discussion was held regarding revising the website.

6. Sierra Mono Museum

Treasurer McGovran reported that SMM President, Christina McDonald requested to have Charlie Alterkruse, make one change to the brochure that he created for them regarding the changes in board members and the request if Treasurer McGovran is still the contact person for NFR. After discussion, Tribal Council approved for Charlie to make the change to the document, but as far as the tribal representative, Tribal Council denied that Treasurer McGovran continue to be the contact.

7. Veterans

By consensus, Tribal Council agreed to mail out to the Veterans in the Tribe. The deadline will be January 17th for those who would be interested in being the Veteran Representative for NFR.

d) **Gary Nicholes – CAO**

1. Tribal Court Assessment

Mr. Nicholes will set up a meeting date.

2. Gary Leva – Meeting – January 30, 2018.

3. Opera Meeting – January 17, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.

Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn motioned to go into executive session #2 @ 3:32 p.m. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 4/0/0

VIII. Executive Session

a) H.R. Position

Secretary Guitierrez motioned for Grade 7 Step 3 @ 44,118.00 salary for AR. Treasurer McGovran seconded. Mc 4/0/0

b) John Maier- item was taken care of in executive session #1.

c) ICWA Resolution No. 19-02

Secretary Guitierrez motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-02 A Resolution authorizing the enrollment of one new tribal citizen. Treasurer McGovran seconded. Mc 4/0/0

d) ICWA – Tawny Lavell

Mrs. Lavell gave an update on current case.

Treasurer McGovran motioned to come out of executive session @ 3:32 p.m. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded. Mc 4/0/0

IX. Mail / Travel

a) CIMC Caregiver Training – By consensus, Tribal Council approved for Chairperson Fink to attend.

b) Oakhurst Rotary Crab Feed – 2/2/19

Treasurer McGovran motioned for sponsorship in the amount of \$1,500.00. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 4/0/0

c) CRIHB Request – By consensus, Tribal Council agreed to send the letter regarding Congress to end the partial government shutdown.

d) Other

Chowchilla Commerce

Secretary Guitierrez motioned to renew membership in the amount of \$100.00. Treasurer McGovran seconded. Mc 4/0/0

CAL OES – 1/23/19 - Tribal Council approved for Treasurer McGovran to attend.

X. Next Meeting

January 17, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

XI. Adjournment


Secretary Guitierrez motioned to adjourn @ 3:47 p.m. Treasurer McGovran seconded. Mc 4/0/0

Minutes submitted by: **Katrina Guitierrez** – 01/14/19

COUNCIL APPROVAL

At a meeting of the Tribal Council of the North Fork Rancheria, call and convened on the 17th day of **January**, 2019, at which a legal quorum was present, these minutes were approved as amended by a vote of **4 For 0 Against 0 Abstaining**.

DATED this 17th day of **January**, 2019.


Katrina Guitierrez, Tribal Secretary


Judy E. Fink, Tribal Chairperson